

REMARKS

Claims 25, 26 and 28-30 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as unpatentable over Hall, III ('051). Claims 25 and 28 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as unpatentable over Dodge ('405). Claims 25 and 28 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as unpatentable over Youngren ('787).

Independent Claim 25 has been amended to recite that the first power path continuously transmits power between the input and the first layshaft, but the second power path discontinuously transmits power between the input and the second layshaft. Claim 25, as amended, is distinguished over recited references each of which discloses a transmission which transmits power between the input and the first layshaft and between the input and the second layshaft discontinuously, depending upon whether a first clutch or a second clutch is engaged.

In view of the amendment to Claim 25, Claims 25, 26 and 28-31 are patentably distinguished over the cited prior art references.

The Office action indicates that Claims 1-24 and 32-38 are allowed.

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